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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers. This is your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the staff had nothing to do with the mood that I'm in or the course that I'm pursuing. Nothing that I do is designed to make it difficult and hard for our staff. LB 1105, as Senator Kristensen said, whether it passes or not remains to be seen, but it's likely that it will move because it's gotten this far. LB 1105 is not a bill that I will have anything to do with because I do not want to embroil the staff in what I'm doing. There is a job that we have hired them to do. There's a job they perform very competently. There's one other bill which our staff has worked on to make some changes that have got to be made, and I think that bill is LB 1062A. I will have nothing to do on that bill in terms of delaying it, as I am these other bills. LB 1290 is not a bill I have any interest in delaying, so all of those bills are open for you all to do with as you please. If you want to try to fix me by fixing your staff, then you can attack LB 1062A, LB 1105, and LB 1290 and LB 1290A. Those I'm not going to do anything with. And now that I see what our reality is, I've only got to stay here three and a half more hours, till 8:30, because it's going to take the staff upstairs maybe three and a half hours to get things done that have to be done. It won't do you any good to get a bill up there and staff cannot get it back to us by 12:00 midnight because even if we stay the day ends at midnight. It's over. So if you all stay with me, I just want you to know what you're into because I said I'd stay till midnight and I will, but I'm not going to hang around here just to keep the store open till staff can come down that you all waited late to send up there, and it's late going up there because you followed your leader, like lemmings, right into the ocean and now you're flailing around and thrashing and trying to find out how you can avoid drowning. I don't care about anything on the agenda, but I care about the staff, and these bills that I've mentioned are the ones that I do not want to jam up the staff on. So after I get through with what I'm doing on LB 1062 you all are going to have to function without my input until we get down to LB 957, and there are probably some bankers who are having heartburn because